

City News

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Diamond Bar Through My Lens Photo Contest

open to Diamond Bar residents of all ages

The City's 2nd annual community photo contest is now open for entries. New this year, entries will be accepted online.

The contest, co-sponsored by the City and Diamond Bar Community Foundation, consists of six categories – People, Pets, Places, Nature, Black & White, and Historical Reference (taken prior to 1989). Its open to Diamond Bar residents of all ages and there is no cost to enter. Full contest details, rules and entry form are available at City Hall, the Diamond Bar Center, and on the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com. For more information, call 909.839.7059.

Job Assistance for Veterans

LA Works will be offering occupational skills training, career development and placement services specifically for veterans of the US Armed Services, National Guard and Reservists for the next two years.

Funded by a grant from the Governor's Workforce Investment Act, the training includes CNC Machining, EMT, Energy Efficient Construction, Electronics Technology, Welding and Appliance Repair. Entry wages will range from \$10 to \$23 per hour.

For more information, contact Fabian Garcia, Client Services Coordinator, at 626.960.3964 ext. 2273, 626.856.3735 TTY or fabian.garcia@laworks.org.

City Council Approves Settlement Agreement

Last month, the Diamond Bar City Council unanimously approved a settlement agreement with the City of Industry regarding its proposed NFL Stadium-based development project.

Outcomes of this agreement represent the arduous task undertaken by City staff, consultants and a team of lawyers over the past year. Numerous hours

were spent analyzing thousands of pages of technical data, identifying impacts to Diamond Bar and submitting hundreds of pages of correspondence to the City of Industry requesting additional or enhanced mitigation measures.

The decision to approve the agreement was not taken lightly and made only after City officials were assured Diamond Bar's initial concerns were addressed, satisfied with the additional mitigation measures and a number of community benefits that would otherwise not be available through litigation.

The benefits include \$20 million to mitigate traffic issues generated by the project. These monies will be managed by the City and will only be used for projects within city boundaries.

This agreement also ensures that public safety personnel and resources will not be diminished as a result of the stadium or its related facilities. During events that exceed 25,000 attendees, the City of Industry will pay for traffic control services, maintain a Sheriff's substation with in the stadium and retain two open travel lanes on Grand Avenue at all times to ensure the free flow of emergency vehicles.

Additionally, for as long as the stadium is in operation, the City will receive a minimum of \$700,000 annually to

enhance and create new community and recreation facilities, programs, and services for its residents. The payment increases based on the number of events held

annually and adjusted every five years based on ticket prices. The City will also receive \$1 million for the creation of a new athletic field at Lorbeer Middle School.

While there is no doubt a project of this size and scope will have an impact on our community, this

agreement addresses many of Diamond Bar's concerns and will provide benefits to the Diamond Bar community for generations to come.

To view all the terms of the settlement agreement and other project-related documents and updates, residents are encouraged to visit the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com. For information, contact the City Manager's office at 909.839.7010.



EnviroLink

The 2009 edition of EnviroLink hit mailboxes last

month. This newsletter comes packed with useful information, resources, and tips that go easy on the environment and your wallet. If you didn't get yours or would like an additional copy, stop by City Hall, 21825 Copley Drive, or the Diamond Bar Center, 1600 Grand Avenue.



Business Awards

And the Winner is...



New Business

East 180 Cuisines of China
 23525 Palomino Drive
 909.396.0180
www.east180.com

Sun. – Wed., 11am – 9:30 pm
 Thurs. – Sat., 11am – 10:30 pm

Online Calendar

Interested in finding out about upcoming community happenings? Visit the City's website www.cityofdiamondbar.com to view the Meeting & Event Calendar for a complete schedule of City and community events, activities, and meetings.



Census Canvassing Underway

Federal workers from the U.S. Census Bureau are now canvassing the community on foot and by car in preparation for the official count of the country's population next year.

The census canvassing is continuing into next month and is aimed at ensuring the Bureau has a complete and accurate database of addresses when it mails out its questionnaire in March 2010.

In some cases, the workers will knock on doors, but not enter homes, to verify addresses and inquire about possible additional living areas in the property without a recorded address.

They will not enter homes or ask for bank or social security information. All



census information collected, including addresses, are confidential and protected by law.

Canvassers can be easily identified by their official Census I.D. badges, GPS-enabled hand-held computers, and canvas bags with "Census 2010" printed on them.

For more information, visit www.2010census.gov.

Seatbelt Enforcement Campaign

The Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station will join hundreds of law enforcement agencies in cracking down on seat belt and child safety seat violators as part of the national Click it or Ticket campaign.

From May 18 – 31, the Station will appoint a deputy to specifically look out for and cite drivers and passengers who are not buckled up and drivers who do not properly secure their child passengers.

Under current State law, drivers are responsible for seat belt compliance for all

passengers. If the seat belt violator is over 16 years of age, both the driver and the passenger can be cited separately.

Seat belt violators are subject to a minimum \$93 fine for a first offense. Fines for failing to secure child passengers start at \$381 per child. Offenses may also result in points to the violator's driving record, which could raise insurance rates.

For more information about the campaign, contact the Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station at 909.595.2264.



Calendar Key

- City Council Meeting* - starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 p.m.
- Traffic & Transportation Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting* - starts at 7 p.m.
- Transit Late Night - City Hall open until 7pm
- Mother's Day
- Memorial Day - City Offices Closed (Trash pick up delayed 1 day)

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*All meetings take place at the AQMD/Government Center, 21865 Copley Drive. Additional event and meeting details are available at www.cityofdiamondbar.com.

City Streets Resurfaced

More than 20 miles of residential and arterial streets are set to be resurfaced this summer as part of the City's ongoing road preservation efforts.

The streets are located within the Gateway Corporate Center area and a residential area bounded by the 60 freeway on the north, Armitos Place and Gold Rush Drive on the south, and Diamond Bar Boulevard on the west.

The work is expected to begin later this month and last through the end of June. It involves applying an asphalt emulsion to the roadways to smooth out their surface and act as a water repellent cap to help maintain their integrity and extend their service life.

Slurry seal is applied Monday through Friday between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm. Once applied, it takes approximately



2 to 4 hours for the slurry to cure.

Residents will be notified when vehicular and pedestrian access to their property will be disrupted with a 10-day written notice posted on their front door and again with 'No Parking' signs posted along the roadway 48-hours prior to the street closure.

For more information, contact the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.



Ask City Hall

Answers to commonly asked questions about City services, codes, and other matters pertaining to living and working in Diamond Bar.

Q: Does the City have an ordinance against leaving pet waste uncollected?

A: Failing to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste in Diamond Bar public areas is unsightly, unsanitary, and yes, a violation of the City's Municipal Code -- Section 6.00.090.

Part of being a responsible pet owner means ensuring your animal's activities do not interfere with your community or the environment. When taking your pet for a walk in a public area, such as a park or neighborhood street, make sure you are prepared to pick up any litter left by your pet.

Responsible pet ownership on your part will keep your city looking clean and prevent the spreading of diseases caused by bacteria and parasites found in pet waste.

For more information or to report violators, call the City's Neighborhood Code Enforcement Division at 909.839.7030.

Annual Brush Clearing Saves Homes

In an effort to help raise awareness among property owners about the potential fire hazards around their homes, the Los Angeles County Fire Department will begin conducting its annual brush clearance inspection this month.

As part of the inspection, Fire Department personnel will canvass the city and deliver 30-day correction notices to residents whose property fails to comply with the Los Angeles County Fire Codes.

Property owners are reminded that failing to maintain one's property in a fire-safe condition is not only a safety hazard, it is a legal responsibility. Following are a few steps residents can take to mitigate potential fire hazards

around their homes:

- ▶ Remove all flammable vegetation or other combustible growth within 30 feet of any structure or within 50 feet of any structure in areas determined to be high hazard.
- ▶ Thin out or remove additional vegetation an additional 70 to 100 feet from the structure for a total of up to 200 feet.
- ▶ Landscape with plants that are drought tolerant and fire resistant.
- ▶ For trees taller than 18 feet, prune lower branches within 6 feet off the ground. For trees and shrubs of less than 18 feet, prune lower branches to one third of their height.
- ▶ Stack wood at least 30 feet from structures and remove

flammable vegetation within 10 feet of the woodpile.

- ▶ Locate fixed butane/propane tanks at least 10 feet from any structure and give them 10 feet of clearance.
- ▶ Remove dead tree branches overhanging your roof and clean all dead leaves from your roof and rain gutters.
- ▶ Cover your chimney outlet with a spark arrestor consisting of a metal or non-flammable screen 1/2 inch or smaller in size.

For more information, call the Los Angeles County Fire Department at 323.881.2411 or visit its website at <http://fire.lacounty.gov/Forestry/BrushClearance.asp>.

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City Services	909.839.7000
City Council	909.839.7010
Building & Safety	909.839.7020
City Clerk's Office	909.839.7010
City Manager's Office	909.839.7010
Community Development	909.839.7030
Community Services	909.839.7060
Facility Reservations	909.839.7070
Finance	909.839.7050
Human Resources	909.839.7015
Library	909.861.4978
Neighborhood Improvement	909.839.7030
Planning	909.839.7030
Post Office	909.860.2469
Public Information Office	909.839.7055
Public Safety Services	909.839.7075
Public Works/Engineering	909.839.7040
Recreation Services	909.839.7070
Senior Services	909.839.7068
Transit Information	909.839.7045
Voter Registration	562.462.2748

Business Information:	
Business Licenses	909.839.7030
Chamber of Commerce	909.860.1904

School Districts:	
Pomona Unified	909.397.4700
Walnut Valley Unified	909.595.1261

Utilities:	
So Cal Edison (electric)	800.611.1911
So Cal Gas (gas)	800.427.2200
Time Warner (cable TV)	888.892.2253
Verizon (telephone)	800.483.5000
Walnut Valley Water	909.595.7554
Waste Disposal:	
Valley Vista (businesses)	800.442.6454
Waste Management (residents)	909.599.1274

Public Safety:	
Animal Control	909.623.9777
Fire (LA County)*	909.629.9671
Police (LA Co. Sheriff)*	909.595.2264

24-Hour Hotlines:	
Building Inspection Hotline	909.839.7027
Graffiti Hotline	800.794.7384
Job Hotline	909.612.4636 x 1410

*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

Snapshots Around The Community

Pretty In Pink...

After ten weeks of practice and a few encouraging words from Esperanza Flores, Samantha Lururiaga (facing instructor) and Breanna Bongcaras were ready to show off the dance steps they learned while enrolled in the City's "Baby Ballet" class. The girls and their 11 classmates performed for a captivated and proud audience of dads, moms, and other relatives. The class for children ages 3 to 5, will be offered this summer in June and again in July. For more information on this and other classes for toddlers, see page 6 of the attached Community Recreation Guide.



Egg-Citement...

Three-year-old twins, Russell and Jonathan Su, were among the hundreds of basket-toting youngsters who dashed across Pantera Park's grassy field to snatch up as many of the eggs as they could hold during the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event, co-sponsored by the Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions Club, featured a pancake breakfast and age-organized egg hunts. The Easter Bunny was also on hand to dole out hugs, and pose for keepsake photos.

Beautiful Music

Chaparral Middle School's 8th grade orchestra will soon add yet another honor to its already long list of achievements. This month, several of its members are traveling to Washington D.C., to perform in the Haydn Orchestra Festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, home of the National Symphony Orchestra. Chaparral joins just four other orchestras from schools nationwide and has the distinction of being both the only middle school and only orchestra from California invited to participate.



Need a New Lawn Mower?

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is offering an exchange program for residents to purchase a new environment-friendly, cordless, rechargeable, electric lawn

mower at a significantly reduced price in exchange for old gasoline-powered models.

There are three models available for purchase; one with a 14" cutting width for

\$100 and two with a 19" cutting width for \$160 each.

To register, call the AQMD hotline at 1.888.425.6247 or visit www.aqmd.gov/tao/lawnmower.html.

